

Figure B.1
Hazard of Recidivism for JCPC Participants, by Legal Status

SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2006/07 JCPC Sample

Process of Juvenile Recidivism

This section presents additional information on the process of recidivism that was described in Chapter Three. The process of juvenile recidivism begins with a complaint, which is possibly followed by an adjudication, which is possibly followed by a YDC commitment. The process of adult recidivism begins with an arrest, which is possibly followed by a conviction.

The analysis of juvenile recidivism did not link a specific complaint with a specific adjudication (if one existed) or link a specific adjudication with a specific YDC commitment (if one existed). Likewise, the analysis of adult recidivism did not link an arrest with a specific conviction (if one existed). Therefore, the actual process of recidivism through the juvenile and adult system cannot be tracked.

For all but 245 youth with juvenile recidivism, the first recidivist complaint came before the first recidivist adjudication or first recidivist YDC commitment. In addition, if the youth had a YDC commitment, it came after the first complaint and the first adjudication. Given the large